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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Afro-Asian Conference Developments

The third day of the conference was devoted to committee work. In these consultations the anti-Communist delegations continued to retain the upper hand.

After prolonged debate, the political committee unanimously adopted one Arab proposal calling for implementation of the UN resolution regarding Palestine. Before giving his support, Chou En-lai sought to eliminate reference to the UN, but finally gave in as he had done previously in the human rights issue. Nehru and Nu, whose countries maintain friendly relations with Israel, expressed sympathy for the Arab refugees but argued in vain for further negotiations.

Indonesia placed the West Irian problem before the political committee in the form of a resolution regretting the recent UN action in the case. This action has been criticized as an effort to condemn the UN and the whole matter has been referred to a nine-nation subcommittee.

Chou En-lai introduced a resolution stating that peaceful coexistence can be achieved between countries of differing social and governmental systems. Several delegates are insisting that any such resolution contain a guarantee against the subversive activities of international Communism.

South Vietnam is also reported to have called for an extension of the time limit for the movement of refugees from the north as a prerequisite to the holding of elections.

In the economic committee an effort was made to censor the UN embargo against the selling of strategic goods to Communist China. The move was blocked by the Philippines and Thailand.

With regard to these negotiations, a Turkish delegate has informed Ambassador Cumming that his country would "stick to its guns" on all issues no matter what pressures are applied in the interest of unanimity. He stated, however,

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that if disputes became too acrimonious, Nehru and the Indonesians would not hesitate to bring the conference to an end by introducing some "vague generalities" to which all participants could agree. The Pakistani's are also worried about such action being taken by "unfriendly delegations" in the atomic energy field.

Meanwhile, all efforts to smoke out Chou En-lai on the Formosa issue continue to be fruitless. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Sir John Kotelawala of Ceylon, however, has proposed at a press conference that Formosa be placed under trusteeship of either the UN or the Colombo powers and that the Seventh Fleet be withdrawn from the area. [REDACTED]

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Kotelawala also delivered perhaps the strongest anti-Communist speech of the conference which caused Chou to walk out of the auditorium.

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Regarding Overseas Chinese, it is reported that a Sino-Indonesian agreement has been reached which provides that the Chinese in Indonesia be given one year in which to choose their nationality. The agreement may be signed before the conference ends.

Peiping's propaganda dealing with the conference continues at a high rate with emphasis upon US efforts to sabotage the meeting. American newsmen, accused of biased reporting, are the latest targets of these blasts.

Pham Van Dong, leader of the Viet Minh delegation, has arrived in Bandung. He reportedly had been delayed in Rangoon suffering from an attack of malaria.

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Chief Japanese delegate Takesaki has announced that he plans to submit a "global scheme for peace." It calls for Afro-Asian countries to refrain from resorting to force under any circumstances and that they "shall promote co-operation among themselves in the economic, social and cultural fields so as to achieve the common prosperity of all."

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